

LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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New System For Keeping Meeting Data

With the series of Fall Divisional meetings soon to begin, every member is urged to acquaint himself with the new procedure for filing excuses for absence from meetings.

At the direction of the Executive Board, the member now has the responsibility for reporting to the Shop Steward in order to have the number of his attendance stub recorded.

Those absent from the meeting must advise the Steward of the reason for the absence and record on a specially prepared form which all Stewards will have.

Since the Steward is aware of the people in his department who are on sick leave, he will indicate that fact on the form.

The time limit for seeing the Shop Steward is set by the Constitution at five days. At the end of that time the Steward will turn the form in at the Union office and members not marked "present" or "excused" will be billed for the Constitutional assessment of \$2 to the Welfare Fund for an excused absence.

In no case should a member mail an excuse to the Union office. ALL excuses must be filed with your Shop Steward.

As in the past, the Divisional Floor Committees will determine the acceptability of all excuses for absence.

Remember, if your attendance stub number or excuse is not on the list when the Steward turns it in, you have not been given credit for the meeting.

The aim of the new system is to simplify the handling of excuses and to guarantee their receipt at the Union office.

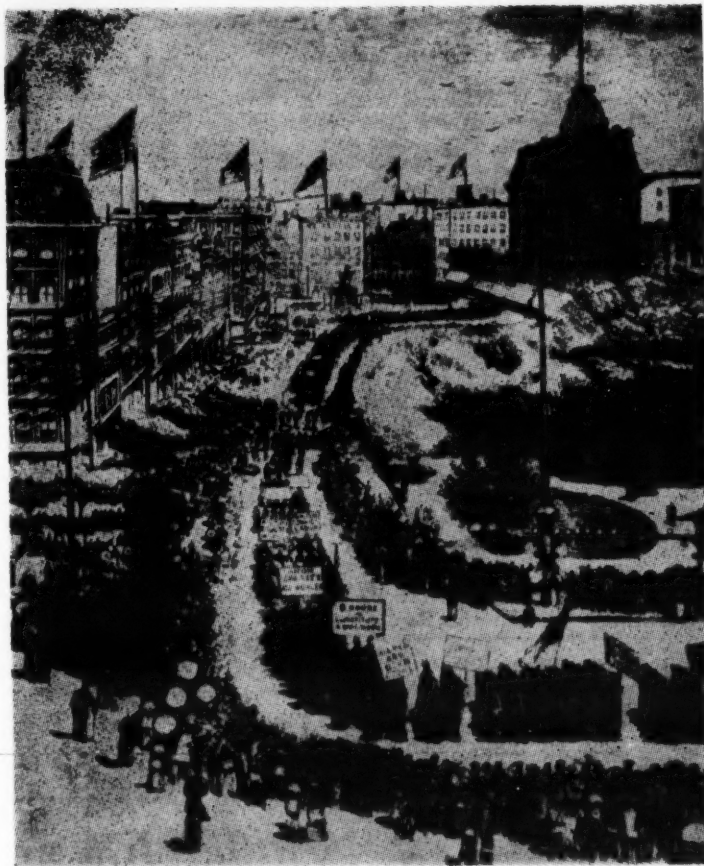
Give your Steward full cooperation and the procedure will serve the best interests of all.

STERN'S GIVES \$1.85 PAY HIKE

Approximately 1400 workers at Stern's recently won a wage increase amounting to \$1.85 a week, as announced by the Distribution, Office and Processing Workers, District 65. The workers are now covered by their first union plan.

Their contract, which had expired in March of 1954 was extended until March, 1958.

The pattern of four year contract extensions was first set at the CIO convention in Philadelphia, where an agreement was reached in June of this year.



On September 5, 1882 Peter J. McGuire led 30,000 in a parade of working men and women. The day now celebrated as a national holiday is in honor of the tremendous worth and dignity of all who work.

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO WORK

For 72 years now labor has celebrated its strength and unity on the first Monday of September.

Labor Day of 1954 may well be noted by historians as the occasion on which the organized workers of our country served notice that they would not stand idly by while their rights and benefits were tampered with and weakened.

This may be so because in the months preceding Labor Day, workers and their unions were speaking out more and more clearly on issues of the gravest importance.

Labor was stepping out in defense of economic and civil rights with greater determination than ever before. And only two months after historic Labor Day comes a crucial Election Day.

Workers of all political hues are agreed that the benefits won under the leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt must be preserved. They view with great alarm the series of attacks aimed at whittling away the very right of free trade unions to exist.

Not many months before this Labor Day public Congressional hearings had bared the ugly significance of the Wisconsin "fuehrer" and broke the spell he had over many who at first could hear no more than his claims that he was a savior reincarnate.

All along the line, this Labor Day, organized workers and the many millions who do not yet enjoy the dynamic strength of unionism, are aroused.

They have seen the awful shadow of another depression, of another world war and another bid by the power-hungry to corrupt and destroy our democracy.

And now, with growing strength, those millions are making their voices heard. The people of our land are demanding that government guarantee "prosperity in peacetime." They are prepared to make their ballots speak by choosing men to represent them who will reflect their deep desires and determined demands.

As we mark this Labor Day let us pay homage to the 30,000 trade unionists who first marched the streets of New York 72 years ago under the leadership of Peter J. McGuire. It was he who said that this be "a day set aside as a festive day" for all of labor.

Union Pressure Wins Sick Pay Tax Exemption

Persistent pressure from many unions, including Local I-S, has resulted in a revision of the Internal Revenue Code making most income from sick benefits tax exempt.

The change was a reversal of an earlier change which had re-

moved such exemption from all sick benefit plans other than those written by commercial insurance companies. This meant that Macy workers and thousands of others covered by plans financed by the companies they work for were forced to pay a heavy tax at a time when every cent was needed in the household.

The 1954 law fails to fully restore all the benefits which had been previously erased under the pressure of the lobbyists for the giant insurance companies.

After Eighth Day

Whereas the original law had provided total tax exemption for all income received as sick benefits, the new law provides exemption for such income received after the eighth day of illness. Only in the case of a worker being hospitalized sometime during the illness period will exemption become effective from the first day on which sick benefits are paid.

In the majority of cases, where there is no hospitalization, income tax will continue to be paid on sick benefits covering the fourth to eighth day of illness, after which all sick benefits up to a weekly maximum of \$100 are exempt.

While the changes do not represent a total victory for members of Local I-S who have the advantage of being protected by a contractual sick leave clause providing payment after three working days of illness, they are a substantial step towards easing the burden the old law placed on the sick.

The new law makes no provision for retroactivity and the granting of refunds to workers who have already paid taxes on sick benefits during 1954.

Small Sample

Said Local I-S President Sam Kovenetsky, "This change in our national tax law is just a small sample of what labor can accomplish if we organize our strength and use it. The change in the law rights a wrong that was done under the pressure of the big insurance companies. They may be losers, but every worker has gained—and that is our only concern."

Study Group For Amateur Dramatists

If you think you are—or would like to be—an actor or actress, Local I-S now offers you a chance to get top-flight professional training.

Miss Vivian Leopold, with a long string of successfully developed talent to her credit, will be at the Union office on Wednesday evening, September 15th, at 7 PM to meet with all Union members who are interested in learning the fundamentals and fine points of theatre craft.

The group will not initially work on the production of plays, but will study the basic techniques of acting. As the skills of the group advance plans will be made for organized performances.

Said Miss Leopold, "In all my experience with trade union drama groups I have learned one important thing. That is that almost everyone can act. Workers have a very important story to tell, and the stage is an excellent place from which to tell it."

"As student drama groups advance we also acquire the material for original plays. This is the raw material from which a labor theater is built. The beauty of it is that people can have fun while doing something that is both good and important."

Don't forget—if you want to learn to act—BE SURE TO COME TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE DRAMA GROUP ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th AT 7 P.M. AT THE UNION OFFICE!

**YOU CAN'T VOTE
IF YOU DON'T REGISTER**

Back Your Candidate at the Polls—

BE SURE TO REGISTER

SEPT. 30, OCT. 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9th

From 3 PM to 10:30 PM

BRANCH STORE NEWS

JAMAICA

Good to see all you folks back again after your vacations. Good to hear your welcome voices and to know you've had a grand summer . . . Congratulations to Chris Murphy and Pat Favoino who were graduated a while ago as Union "counselors" along with the rest of our I-S staff. Now you know who to go to for help. (As if we didn't know all along!) . . . Our best wishes to Charlotte Vogel (J4) upon the newest addition, Donna Lynn, her FIFTH, born July 13th . . . Florence Grieshaber (Switchboard) leaving to take a full time job at home. We'll be missing your cheery "hello's" here, Florence . . . So long, too, to Sadie Burak, who's making her home in Coral Gables, Florida . . . Bernice Offenger on leave awaiting Sir Stork . . . Vicki Leto is still out recuperating from some broken bones in her foot . . . Ditto Eleanor Clade (J4 Coats) who fractured her ribs . . . And Edna Nerenberg who is convalescing from her recent operation . . . We all send our best to all of you and hope you'll get well soon . . . Chaney Field left the Soda Bar recently to start a dancing career in show biz . . . and Joe Calabrese left in mid-August for a two year engagement with the armed services . . . Good luck to all of them . . . Roll out the red carpet and welcome Olive Vincent and Joseph Vandette into the Coat Dept. . . . Welcome, too, to Charlie Krieger recently back from the Army . . . Good luck to Muriel Tillum, Theo Steinberg and Carmela Volpe on their recent betrothals . . . Sincere condolences to Doris Felix upon her recent loss . . . and good health to Mary Puccio (Soda Bar) after her recent operation.

FLATBUSH



Anne Bowen

Hello everybody! I really intended to skip this issue because I wanted to enjoy my vacation and forget about work; but then doing things like this for the Union is more in the line of pleasure, so here I am. I don't have any news that most of you don't already know about, but I do have a few kind words about a real pal that we are losing. A "get-together" party and a luncheon was given to Tom Ferguson who was promoted to a much better job in Herald Square. His many friends here in Flatbush gave Tom a handsome Gruen watch and Macy Bonds . . . We are truly sorry to see Tom go, but it's nice to know that we are losing him because he is moving ahead. Your host of friends wish you the very best of luck, Tom . . . Our deepest sympathy to our co-workers who have suffered losses recently . . . And our best wishes to those who are still on the sick list . . . September 14th is the date set for our all-day Shop Steward Conference at the Hotel Martinique. If any of you Stewards haven't signed up yet, you ought to do it now. These annual gatherings can be counted on to give you a fresh outlook on things as well as a real pick-up for the jobs which lie ahead. And from here it looks as though there's an awful lot that's going to have to be done. See you at the Conference.

PARKCHESTER



Fay Mattimiro

Glad to see Rita Saprano (P4) and Ethel Fishman (P10) back from their illnesses . . . Congratulations to Florence Stock (P10) who just became a grandmother for the fifth time and Evelyn Sexton (P8) who just joined the ranks of grannies . . . Our sincere condolences to our Store Committee member Catherine Hallihan on the loss of her brother and to Vera Nocera of the Service Desk who lost her father . . . Soon to marry (not each other) are the daughter of Florence Kukis and the son of the daughter of Florence Kukis and the son of the daughter of Florence Kukis . . . Lorraine Atkinson of the Camera Dept. is awaiting a Blessed Event . . . Inez Bozzone (P10) and Jenny DeMayo (P12) vacationing at a dude ranch. Wonder if they'll be able to sit down when they get back to Macy's????

WHITE PLAINS

July was a big month for babies up here. Mrs. Gertrude Frazier (W10) had her FIFTH grandchild. Tom and Mrs. Mellela welcomed Carl, their third son—and yours truly thanks his wife Sally for presenting him with Christopher Clark . . . Fred Ernst did a fine job with our softball team this year. The boys finished the second half season in a tie for league honors, with Jim Heleringer finishing as the league's leading batter and all-star left fielder . . . Incidentally, Jim, who holds a 1st Lt. Commission in the Air Force Reserve, is now away on a tour of duty . . . We were all glad to see Ray Rush back in Fabrics after serving his hitch with Uncle Sam. Ray was married while in the service and has our hearty congratulations on both scores . . .



Bill Bittner

1-S AIDS STRICKEN FAMILIES

Participating in a city-wide collection campaign, Union members in White Plains donated a total of \$200 including a contribution from the Union, for the widows and children of two firemen killed here recently. Only inadequate pensions are normally provided in such tragedies, but the people of this city, and friends elsewhere, opened their hearts and their purses. Shop Steward Gus Salino, of Men's Wear in White Plains, is a cousin to one of the two men who gave their lives in search of a man reportedly trapped in the blaze. The fatal search was unnecessary. No one was in the building.

Newest Law Gives the Government Life and Death Power Over Unions

The organized labor movement in the United States has been dealt one of the most serious legislative blows in its long battle-scarred history.

Moving in behind the heavy barrage aimed at the Communist Party, many Congressmen, including those formerly regarded as "friends", lined up to vote for a law placing in the hands of the United States Attorney General life or death powers over every union in the land.

That power is contained in Section 13A of the new law, which says that, "Whenever the Attorney General has reason to believe that any organization is a Communist-infiltrated organization, he may file with the Board (Subversive Activities Control Board, Ed.) and serve upon such organization a petition for a determination that such organization is a Communist-

infiltrated organization. . . ."

The non-partisan American Civil Liberties Union, in its analysis of the Bill, said in part:

"The Board is thus given sweeping power to oust the entire leadership of the organization, even before judicial review takes place. It is obvious that a union can be entirely destroyed in this fashion. Confidence lost in union leadership by such an ouster could possibly never be repaired even if the order of the Board was later reversed by the courts. And since court review may literally take several years, obviously an organization without leadership of its own choice could flounder and decay before it had judicial review. It seems to us that this is a violation of the spirit if not the letter of due process of law, for it permits the organization to be destroyed before it has had its day in court to prove its innocence."

Impossible Task

Further underlining the Union-busting nature of the Bill is the fact that the Attorney General might be given "reason to believe" by any employer who wants to destroy the union representing his workers or by any other anti-labor individual who is willing to state that an officer or employee of a union is, or was, a "communist".

Under such circumstances, a union would find itself faced with the almost impossible task of trying to prove that its fighting program was in the interests of its members and was not intended

as a means of carrying out the line of the Communist Party. This could be accomplished only by abandoning the fight for such things as higher pay, shorter hours, more schools, houses, hospitals, unemployment insurance and social security, since, on the record, the communists demand the same things.

Testifying before the House of Representatives sub-committee at the time hearings were being held on the anti-labor bills, CIO's chief counsel Arthur Goldberg said, "give the government the power of life and death over all unions. Let us make no mistake about it: all of these bills propose government licensing of trade unions. We do not believe that a free trade union movement can exist under government licensing of unions any more than political freedom can exist under government licensing of political parties."

Said President Sam Kovenetsky, "With this new weapon placed in the hands of the employers and the government we need greater unity than ever before if we are to move ahead in our fight for security and economic improvements. That same unity will be needed to win a reversal of these dangerous and un-American laws. At this critical time in our history defense of our union is a defense of all our rights!"

Underpaid Workers Win Higher Rate

It took sometime before the men of 20 Department and others realized that Macy's wasn't paying them at the proper contractual overtime rate. When they did wake to the fact that they were being short-changed they promptly filed a grievance.

In the grievance they pointed to the fact that they were being asked to come in at 8 A.M., or one hour before their usual time. They argued that, according to contract, they were entitled to time-and-a-half both on their base pay plus their pro-rata. At the first and second steps Macy's answer was a flat "No!"

Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian carried the fight to the Labor Relations office, at which point Macy's was forced to admit that the Union was right.

As a result, the department won a correct calculation of their overtime, with back pay for 90 days from the date of the grievance.

Said the Union's two Vice Presidents, "This case again points to the necessity for knowing and guarding your contract. Only Macy's profits when members don't know their rights!"

if you . . .
your husband
or wife . . .
or children
under 18 . . .
or parents (if you're single)
NEED BLOOD
FROM THE BLOOD BANK
all you have to do is
CALL WA 4-4540
And Rest Assured That
Local I-S Will Do the Rest

Macy Gives Warning For High Volume

Remember the days when Macy's President used to say that the company wants people who can sell the chandeliers right off the ceiling? If you were to ask Emma Mori of the Telephone Order Board she would most likely say, "Don't believe it!"

The reason is simple. Miss Mori is on warning because all her sales were big ones! With commission earnings that are above the average for her department, Macy's Labor Relations Department had to admit that she was "very good at suggestion selling." But, they claimed, she picks out the high sales!

In support of his department's position, Labor Relations chief Fischer argued that Miss Mori handles fewer calls per hour than the average. He couldn't understand that it takes longer to sell more, and that's what Miss Mori was being paid to do.

We suggest that anyone interested in Macy's next sales promotion contest would do well to have Mr. Fischer state the rules beforehand so that the winners aren't penalized for high volume. It sounds crazy. It is crazy. But it happened!

FREE
LEGAL AID CLINIC
at the
UNION OFFICE
Every Wednesday
5 to 7 P.M.

MACY RESPECTS SENIORITY IN PROMOTIONS

Proof of Macy's respect for the seniority rights of Union members was seen in the recent promotion of four men, all with eighteen years of service, to the Furniture Department.

Contrasted with the practise in other department stores, where men are hired directly into the better jobs, Local I-S was proud to point to the strength of its contract as shown by Macy's adherence to the "Seniority plus ability" provision.

The four candidates selected for the choice jobs were Sid Blau, from the Men's Store; Tom Ferguson from Flatbush Furniture; John Boyd from Television; and Sid Ganzer from the Shirt Department.

It is expected that, as in the past, Macy's will fill the vacancies by again promoting according to seniority and then filling the vacancies and filling and filling . . . until there has again been upward movement all along the line!

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WE WILL CUT TAXES



DEEDS

BUT NOT YOURS PAL



MAKE A PROMISE MEAN A PROMISE. GIVE A BUCK TO PAC

PAC Pushes Program As Elections Near

Election fever will soon begin to rise — and with it the hopes of all those who fondly recollect the enthusiasm and optimism of the New Deal days during which they were being represented in Albany and Washington.

As PAC Chairman Charles Boyd so aptly points out (see letter on Page 4), "Our recent successful PAC fund drive demonstrates, I think, that a great number of our people are already aware of the great importance to us of the political situation."

This should mean that more members are ready to join the political fray by demanding that all local candidates for public office pledge themselves to support those issues which are of outstanding importance.

On the state level those issues would include: 1) Improved unemployment insurance; 2) Improved workmen's compensation;

3) More state aid to the city's school building program.

On the Congressional level most people would want their candidates to back: 1) lower income taxes or higher personal exemptions; 2) Improved social security payments; 3) Repeal of Taft-Hartley; 4) Repeal of the McCarran Act; 5) Rejection of "McCarthyism" from all phases of political life.

As we politically alert workers who believe in our democratic form of government begin to aggressively raise our demands, we will find that many of the politicians who are wooing our votes will begin to listen to our voices.

Every penny of PAC money raised will be used to acquaint all voters with the issues and to support candidates who finally prove themselves worthy of labor's support.

Shop Stewards who are still holding on to PAC books, which have been charged out to them, and money can help get the campaign off to a running start by turning them in to the Union immediately.

Additional volunteers to work with the PAC group will also be welcomed. The Political Action Committee meets at the Union office on the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

You Can Be Proud to Wear a LOCAL 1-S UNION BUTTON Get Yours Today! Only 50 cents At the Union Office

High Interest in Coming Conference Seen in Large Advance Enrollment

Advance enrollment for the all-day Shop Steward conference to be held on September 14th has already guaranteed the broadest possible representation of all sections of Herald Square and each of the outlying stores.

The Conference is scheduled to get underway promptly at 10 AM at the Hotel Martique. To make this possible, all Stewards are urged to be at the Hotel no later

than 9:40 AM.

While guest speakers have been invited to talk on topics of outstanding interest, the major attention of the gathering will be devoted to on-the-job experiences and problems.

President Urges Support

Urging those Shop Stewards who have not yet signified their intention to be at the conference

to sign up now, President Sam Kovenetsky said:

"It is truly urgent that we have our entire Shop Steward body present at the coming conference.

"It is only by pooling all of our experiences that we are able to come to grips with difficulties and overcome them.

Scope of Conference

"With our 1954 contract under our belts", the President continued, "and with the 1955 re-opening still some months away, we have an opportunity to carefully examine our work, probe for weak spots and determine the means of erasing them.

"In addition to this phase of the conference, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are already in the midst of a campaign leading to the crucial elections in November.

"Labor without political consciousness is at the mercy of the political hacks. Labor with a clear understanding of its needs is able to seek the candidates best able and most willing to do something about those needs.

"Through our Political Action Committee and our Executive Board Local 1-S has spoken out for and against bills that have been introduced both in Washington and Albany. Our role in this election period will determine whether or not we take our own words seriously. We will be judged by what we do to help assure the election of candidates worthy of our support.

"The close relationship between our economic fights and the political arena makes it imperative that we participate as fully as our understanding of the issues permits us to."

Pressing Problems

Recent drastic changes in the operation of the Workmen's Compensation law will also be discussed. These changes have already worked hardship on many Union members unfamiliar with their rights and the means of protecting them.

If you have not yet arranged to have Tuesday, September 14th as your scheduled day off, DO IT NOW. YOUR participation is the best guarantee of a successful conference!

MACY PROBING FOR WEAK SPOTS IN UNION DEFENSE OF CONTRACT

A strong suspicion is gaining ground in Union quarters that Macy's has selected an area of the store in which to test the strength of the Union's resistance to contract violations. That area would seem to be Herald Square's Basement and Street Floor. The executive responsible for carrying the ball against the Union is Divisional Superintendent Harry Werneken.

For months the Shop Stewards and Floor Committees working in Werneken's Divisions have been plagued with a series of contract breaks. Grievances have been processed through department supervisors, through Mr. Werneken's office and on up to Macy's top Labor Relations people.

In most cases Macy's has been forced to admit that the Union's grievances were just ones. And on most occasions they have given assurances that violations would be stopped.

The question is — Is Macy's Labor Relations department giving these assurances with tongue in cheek — or is Mr. Werneken just going his merry way and not giving a hoot about what his superiors tell him?

The answer seems fairly obvious. If the law were laid down, even the arrogant Mr. Werneken would be forced to obey it!

It was against the background of repeated grievances about executives performing staff work in the Basement and on the Street Floor that Local 1-S Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian warned Macy's that Union

members on those floors would be advised to take all measures necessary to put a halt to this executive contempt for the contract.

Since that time, Mr. Werneken has answered grievances by saying that the executives involved were wrong and that he would correct them. He has turned around and told the executives that he was "looking into the problem" and would advise them — later.

Said President Sam Kovenetsky, "the strength of the contract depends on full enforcement — and enforcement depends on the people who see it violated. Macy's must be taught to respect the agreement they have signed!"

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself — protect your family — protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!



Out of each of Local 1-S' All-Day Conferences has come more of the strength and unity needed to promote the welfare of all. The coming conference will be no exception.

1954 N.Y. Fund Drive Nears As Members Get Its Full Benefits

Another Autumn is close at hand, and with it another store-wide Greater New York Fund Campaign.

Last years' effort on behalf of the hundreds of worthy participating agencies was regarded as a triumph of organization. As a result of a detailed blueprint and a thorough educational campaign, all previous contribution records were shattered as a total of more than \$26,500 was raised.

Members Benefit

One of the simple and direct benefits growing out of the support given the Greater New York Fund was the number of children of 1-S members who enjoyed a summer camping vacation at camps which are subsidized by the Fund.

In addition to such direct bene-fits, by members of the Union's

Steward Meeting Calendar

ASD	1st Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM
Controllers	1st Wednesday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	1st Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
Ad., Display, BofS, Comp.	1st Thursday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	3rd Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
DA	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM
Packing, Food, Supply, Alteration & Mfg.	Mon. Sept. 20	6:45 PM
Receiving, Housekeeping, MTE	Mon. Sept. 27	6:45 PM

fits it can also be said that we contributed to the health and well-being of ourselves and our children by helping to make every community in our city a healthier one.

Union Service

Other Fund services have been made available to Union members through the Local 1-S Welfare Counselling service.

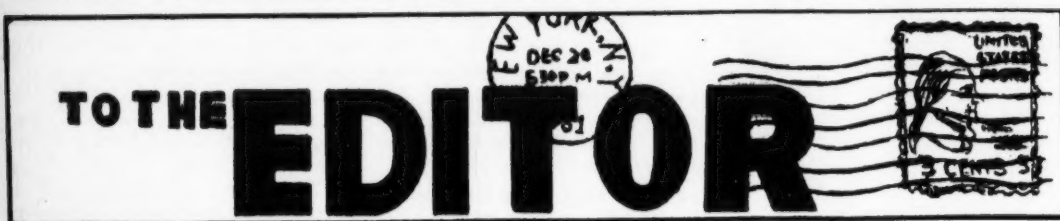
Counselling is handled, in all

Welfare Board, administrators and officers — all of whom were specially trained for this important phase of their work.

Counselling Service has eased the pressing problems of many, and has brought the work of the Greater New York Fund and its member agencies closer to all.

The 1954 drive, due to start in a few weeks, deserves the support of all.

MAKE A PLEDGE!



Editor's Note: The following letter was written before the adjournment of Congress and did not anticipate the unexpected legislative blitz of Democratic "liberals" and Republican reactionaries.

The Eighty-Third Congress is drawing to a close and I sincerely believe that every good union member can be thankful that it can be called a "do-nothing" Congress. For if the Eighty-Third had accomplished the passage of even a major portion of the anti-union legislation which was pushed so manfully in both houses by the leadership of the party in power, the very existence of free unions would be in question today.

Under the proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley law, the government would have reserved to the Federal authorities the right to restrict union rights, including the right to supervise, at their convenience, all strike votes, but would have turned over jurisdiction in practically all disputed questions to the authorities of the various states. This would have left the NLRB in the position of holding a club against unions to be used at will but with a legally deaf ear to all union appeals for fair treatment. It could always vote to leave any appeals to the mercy of the states whose cure for labor problems have historically been the application of injunctions! From the fate of an infinitely worse Taft-Hartley bill we were only saved by a sudden united Democratic front in the Senate which sent the bill back to committee. About two-thirds of the Democrats thought it was too anti-union; about one-third thought it was not anti-union enough. New York's Senator Ives and all but two Republican Senators favored the defeated amendments.

Sen. John Butler, of Maryland, whose election was engineered by Sen. McCarthy as punishment against ex-Senator Tydings, who once defied McCarthy's power, was the author of "anti-subversive" bills which were so broad in their application of the guilt-by-association idea to members of labor unions that any union could almost be put out of operation by the simple act of accusation. These bills seemed to die in committee but were picked up by the Attorney-General who represented them

as administration bills in a "comprehensive anti-subversive package" and applied all the big guns at his command to push them through. United AFL-CIO opposition seems to have stopped these huge anti-union measures for this session.

A so-called "health insurance" plan, which was seen, on close examination, to be engineered to insure profits for large insurance companies rather than the health of the people was defeated. Enactment of such a plan, which was repeatedly labelled "stupid" on the floor of the House, even though it had the complete backing of the administration, would have provided that taxpayers pick up the tabs for the insurance companies, and would have played into the hands of those who are against real low cost public health insurance.

Some legislation, however, got through the Eighty-Third. Social Security benefits were raised a fraction of what the experts recommended. Unemployment benefits payments by the Federal government to the States were increased but payments to individuals was left to the States. In other words, more of your Federal taxes will be paid for unemployment benefits but whether any unemployed will ever benefit will depend again upon the tender mercies of the various States.

The new tax bill, granting huge tax concessions to corporations and large incomes, but not one cent of tax relief to low income people is in final stage of passage.

The record of the Eighty-Third Congress plainly indicates the need for a huge turn-over in the coming election so that the Eighty-Fourth can not only accomplish but also can turn the tide of accomplishment once again in favor of the working men and women of this country whose "deductions" pay for running the whole show including Congressmen's salaries.

This much-needed "turn-over" is possible if we working people turn out on election day in great strength, determined to send to Congress men and women who will propose and enact legislation which favors and benefits us and not only those who profit from the work which we do.

The people of Local 1-S are scattered throughout several Congressional districts. They and their families and friends constitute many votes in these districts. Our recent successful PAC fund drive demonstrates, I think, that a great many of our people are already aware of the great importance to us of the political situation. I hope that those who are already convinced of the need for the fullest participation possible will talk to those members who are indifferent and try to get them to register and vote in their own interest this fall.

Of course this election will not only decide the character of the next session of Congress. We in New York will also elect a Governor and new State administration.

The PAC Committee intends to make available to the membership of the Local as much information and as much assistance as possible in the weeks preceding election day. The committee still needs more manpower and will welcome new members especially about September 1. We will need lots of help for the big job ahead of us.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Boyd
PAC Chairman

CANNOT FIND WORDS

I cannot find words to express my thanks and appreciation for your untiring efforts in my behalf by Local 1-S.

I have received cooperation, consideration, sympathy, advice, gifts and legal help right from your cordial telephone operator to those in high office.

Especially I want to praise very highly Administrator Tom Raffaele who always fought for me with his utmost sincerity, brotherly advice and sympathy.

Again, my sincere thanks and best wishes in all your future undertakings.

Faternally yours,
Mary Weinstock, Formerly employed in Mail Order

THOUGHTFUL GIFT

I received your lovely and thoughtful gift while home on sick leave.

It's ver ynice and gratifying to be remembered and I want to thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Edith Mellon, P3

OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings for all members including Saturday-onlies and Fractionals. Admission will be by 1954 Union card.

An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for in Article IX, Section 4 of the Local 1-S Constitution.

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
6 Fl. (PT)	Tues. Sept. 1	5:00	Auditorium
6 Fl. (FT)	Tues. Sept. 1	6:45	Auditorium
White Plains	Tues. Sept. 7	6:30	
Jamaica	Wed. Sept. 8	6:15	Jamaica Hall
5 Fl. (PT)	Wed. Sept. 8	5:00	Auditorium
5 Fl. (FT)	Wed. Sept. 8	6:45	Auditorium
MTE	Wed. Sept. 8	6:45	Conference
Packing	Fri. Sept. 10	6:45	Auditorium
Housekeeping	Mon. Sept. 13	10:15, 11:15 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00, 6:15 p.m.	Auditorium
Receiving*	Tues. Sept. 14	6:30	Auditorium
Flatbush	Wed. Sept. 15	6:30	Astor
7 Fl. (PT)	Wed. Sept. 15	5:00	Auditorium
7 Fl. (FT)	Wed. Sept. 15	6:45	Auditorium
Comparison, BS, }			
Adv. & Display }	Thurs. Sept. 16	6:30	Auditorium
Basement (PT)	Fri. Sept. 17	5:00	Auditorium
Basement (FT)	Fri. Sept. 17	6:45	Auditorium
8 Fl. (PT)	Wed. Sept. 22	5:00	Auditorium
8 Fl. (FT)	Wed. Sept. 22	6:45	Auditorium
Food Dept.*	Wed. Sept. 22	4:45 & 7:15	Conference
2 Fl. (PT)	Fri. Sept. 24	5:00	Auditorium
2 Fl. (FT)	Fri. Sept. 24	6:45	Auditorium
Controllers	Fri. Oct. 1	6:30	Auditorium
ASD	Tues. Oct. 5	6:30	Auditorium
9 Fl. (PT-FT)	Fri. Oct. 8	6:30	Auditorium
DA	Tues. Oct. 12	6:30	Auditorium
Supply	Tues. Oct. 12	4:30 & 6:30	Conference
Main Fl. (PT)	Wed. Oct. 13	5:00	Auditorium
Main Fl. (FT)	Wed. Oct. 13	6:45	Auditorium
Parkchester	Wed. Oct. 13	6:30	Chester House
4 Fl. (PT)	Wed. Oct. 20	5:00	Auditorium
4 Fl. (FT)	Wed. Oct. 20	6:45	Auditorium
Alteration }			
& Repair }	Mon. Oct. 4	10:45 a.m. & 6:30	Auditorium
3 Fl. (PT)	Wed. Oct. 27	5:00	Auditorium
3 Fl. (FT)	Wed. Oct. 27	6:45	Auditorium

PT — Part Time

FT — Full Time

All meetings are to be held at the Union office, 290 — 7th Avenue (between 26th and 27th Streets)

* Meetings at which Floor Committee members will be elected.

PERSONALS

FOR RENT—Large, newly furnished room suitable business couple. Also single room. Short walk to Macy's Flatbush. Reasonable. 2408 Cortelyou Road. Phone UL 6-7349.

FOR SALE—Servel gas refrigerator. 8 cu. ft. practically new. Reasonable price. Phone BE 3-0374.

FOR SALE—Couch, Regency style, with slip cover. Excellent condition. Also upright piano with bench in very good condition. Both reasonable. Phone RA 6-0275.

FOR SALE—Three piece living room set and full bedroom set in excellent condition. Very reasonable. Phone ES 2-5753.

FOR SALE—Blonde crib and matching chest, \$25. Also navy boy's suit size 12, worn once. Reasonable. Phone TY 2-2028.

WANTED—Business woman desperately seeking 2-room apt. \$50-55 in Manhattan area. Phone DA 3-2569 evenings.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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